RESOLUTION NO. 2005-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE
CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE LODI
CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY
TO ASSIST IN COORDINATING THIS PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Lodi Customer Assistance & Relief Energy (CARE) Package Program is designed to provide financial assistance to Lodi families who are below the current federal income guidelines in the payment of their City of Lodi utility bill; and

WHEREAS, City of Lodi staff, representatives of Central Valley Waste, and Lodi Salvation Army staff are recommending a continuation of the program for the next 12 months, commencing September 1, 2005. For year two of the program, staff is proposing the following:

> customers are eligible for a maximum grant of $150 every six months (an increase of $25 from the first year of this program);

> a family in need will be interviewed by staff of the Lodi Salvation Army and must meet the eligibility requirements (see attached Exhibit "A" – Eligibility Requirements);

> if approved by staff from the Lodi Salvation Army at its Lockeford Street office, the Lodi Salvation Army will then notify the City of Lodi Finance Department of eligible customer name and the amount of the relief payment; City of Lodi Finance staff will input appropriate payment data into the customer's account;

> the Salvation Army will once again notify the City of Lodi Electric Utility Department of approved customers; these customers will then be contacted for a free, in-home energy audit (staff will also deliver important customer information regarding water conservation and services available through Central Valley Waste); and

> a new set of income guidelines have been developed for year two of this program, which the Salvation Army will utilize as a part of the customer eligibility screening process (see attached Exhibit "B"). Note: Each income level has increased by $1,000.00; in consultation with Salvation Army staff, the increase will allow additional families to participate in this program (Salvation Army staff had to reject a significant number of applications, because the income levels were too low; the Salvation Army representatives feel the modest income level increase will assist more families).

WHEREAS, several entities are partnering to ensure success of this program. Below is a listing of those agencies/departments and the financial resources committed by each to fund this effort:
- Central Valley Waste, $15,000 (this contribution will fund the refuse relief payment component);
- City of Lodi Electric Utility, $60,000 (this contribution will fund the program administration, customer outreach and material duplicating costs, as well as the electric utility relief payment component);
- City of Lodi Public Works, $30,000 (this contribution will fund the water and wastewater relief payment components);
- City of Lodi Finance Department (staff time);
- Lodi Salvation Army.

WHEREAS, staff recommends approval of a contract with the Salvation Army to administer the program and provide the necessary customer screening services at its offices located on Lockeford Street in Lodi, with the Electric Utility staff serving as the City's point of contact for the program, frequently meeting with Salvation Army staff on document filing, customer follow-up, management of the budget, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Electric Utility, Finance, and Public Works staff, in conjunction with Central Valley Waste Services and the Lodi Salvation Army, recommend approval of these funds, as well as execution of the contract, to implement the Lodi CARE Package Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to allocate various funds for the Lodi CARE Package Program in the amount of $90,000 as follows:

> 164606 – Public Benefits (Category: Low-Income Services) $60,000
> 180609 – Water Fund (Public Works) $15,000
> 170609 – Wastewater Fund (Public Works) $15,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute a contract with the Salvation Army to assist in coordinating this program.

Dated: September 7, 2005

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-192 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held September 7, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and
                        Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk

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Lodi C.A.R.E. Package

EXHIBIT "A"

Eligibility Requirements:

- must meet income guidelines as established in Exhibit "B;"
- customer has *not* received assistance through the Lodi CARE Package Program in the past six (6) months;
- customer must present (in person) appropriate documentation of the following in order to qualify for a relief payment-

    - current City of Lodi utility statement;
    - ID/Social Security Cards for ALL members of the household, and driver's license or California ID card *of the person listed on the utility account*;
    - proof of current income (i.e.: pay stub, grant letter, etc.)- handwritten notes are *not* acceptable;
    - copy of rental agreement;
    - proof of unexpected expenses (within the last sixty days), resulting in the inability to or hardship in paying City of Lodi utility account;
    - City of Lodi receipt for customer's co-payment, if applicable/necessary;
- customer must consent to a free, in-home energy audit, once their relief payment has been approved; and
- contact the Lodi Salvation Army to determine eligibility; the number is 369-5896.

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EXHIBIT "B"

Benefit Levels:

> ➤ $150.00 per eligible customer service address/account; and

> ➤ one relief payment in a six-month period; no more than two (2) relief payments in 12 months.

Lodi CARE Package Income Levels:

> 1-2	persons in household	$17,000 (maximum)
> 3	persons in household	$21,000 (" ")
> 4	persons in household	$26,500 (" ")
> 5	persons in household	$32,000 (" ")
> 6	persons or more in household	$37,500 (" ")